

TO: Chairperson and Members

DATE: November 14, 2013

**SUBJECT: Membership of the Standing Committee
on Data and Research**

AGENDA ITEM: N

**ACTION: X
INFORMATION:**

RESOURCE PERSON: Robert Takeshta

Summary: On January 17, 2013, the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) established a standing committee for Data and Research and appointed Board member Susan Mauriello as the chair. The purpose of this committee is to work with BSCC staff to provide guidance with the development of a comprehensive data collection plan and advise staff on how to leverage resources with other groups focusing on the same or similar data collection goals and objectives.

Background: The BSCC was created by Senate Bill 92 (Chapter 36, Statutes 2011) and the mission of the Board includes providing statewide leadership, coordination, and technical assistance to promote effective state and local efforts and partnerships in California's adult and juvenile criminal justice system (see Attachment A; Relevant Research and Data Statutes for the BSCC). The BSCC is given a variety of data collection and reporting responsibilities, and the primary statutory language is specified in Penal Code section 6027. In addition, AB 1050 (Chapter 270, Statutes of 2013) amends Penal Code section 6027 effective January 1, 2014 to require the Board, in consultation with specified representatives to develop definitions of delineated key terms in order to facilitate consistency in local data collection, evaluation, and implementation of evidence-based programs. The BSCC staff will be developing a process to address the requirements of AB 1050 and the Data and Research Standing Committee will be kept informed of this effort.

The work of the Data and Research Standing Committee is dependent on the BSCC staff hiring a Research Specialist V position that will provide the technical leadership in formulating an action plan and strategy to respond to the data collection and reporting expectations of the Governor's Office and the Legislature. This position is projected to be filled by late November 2013 and three vacant research positions (Research Specialist III, Research Specialist I and the Research Analyst) are projected to be filled by early December 2013. BSCC staff is in the process of developing a Request for Proposals to assess BSCC's information technology capacity and to provide recommendations for the BSCC to achieve its new data collection and reporting goals.

The proposed membership (Attachment B) represents a diverse group of subject matter experts who have agreed to participate as a member of the standing committee for Data and Research.

Recommendation/Action Needed:

BSCC staff requests the approval of the proposed membership for the Data and Research Standing Committee.